

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
Ad Hoc COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION PROJECT TEAM

Wednesday, February 13, 2012
20 E. Main St., Room 170
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Heap
Frank Johnson
James May
Orchidia Peterson
Dean Tun Lin Moe

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Ruth Giese

GUESTS

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order.

2. Items from citizens present.

There were no citizens who requested to speak to the Ad Hoc Community and Education Project Team.

3. Discuss and confirm presentations for February 22, 2012 HRAB meeting on domestic partner benefits and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Ms. Peterson provided an update on scheduling of a speaker on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) for the February HRAB meeting. Ms. Giese reported that the Human Resources Department does not have the ability to conduct research on the topic of domestic partner benefits until after January 2013. The office is shorthanded due to the City Edge project.

4. Discuss and provide direction on a name change of Community and Education Project Team.

The project team discussed that its name should reflect what the team is tasked with doing, which is research on issues and planning projects. It was suggested that the name be "Issues Research and Project Team". A motion was made by Ms. Peterson that the team's new name be changed to "'Issues Research and Project Team". Mr. Tun Lin Moe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discuss and provide direction on a community discussion project.

The project team discussed planning a community dialogue that might take a place on a Saturday morning. The team discussed possible locations and topics.

6. Discuss Arizona Accord.

Ms. Heap reported that Ms. Gilbert would provide an update to the board regarding Arizona Accord at its meeting on February 22nd and that it was also on the agenda for the regional human relations meeting on February 14th.

7. Discuss and provide direction on a heritage month project.

The team discussed ways that HRAB may be able to partner with the Library Board to honor and promote different cultures at the library. The partnership might include holding a brown-bag series and

promoting different cultures on the library display wall. After discussion, the team decided that the heritage month project be discussed at a future time, given that the team was currently planning its community dialogue event.

8. Discuss future agenda items, meeting dates, announcements, other housekeeping.

The project team scheduled its next meeting for March 12, 2012 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Giese

Diversity Program Administrator